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Ref: 2848-20755

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A
NORTH CHOUIQUE FIELD
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Neumin Production Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of Neumin Production Company for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 60 acres for the Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the U F RA SUA, North Choupique Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the revised attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;

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The Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A, in the North Choupique Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 7,662 feet and 8,127 feet (electrical log measurements) in Neumin Production Co.-Hurlbut No. 1 Well, located in Section 16, Township 10 South, Range 11 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 12, 2003 and an additional pre-application conference was held on April 10, 2003. Attached hereto and made a part hereof are lists of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at those conferences.

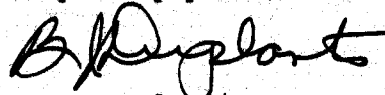
The March 12, 2003 conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. David Comeaux presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Stan Warburton presented a plat on behalf of H. C. Drew and a counterplan was presented by Mr. Jim Hardwick on behalf of Towerland Co. The April 10, 2003 conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. David Comeaux presented the plat of applicant. A counterplan was presented by Mr. David Sturlese on behalf of Hurlbut Farms. We have reconciled our differences except for Hurlbut Farms. It is anticipated that there will be opposition at the public hearing on this matter. The rights of the parties were reserved.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the Upper Frio Zone, Reservoir A, North Choupique Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

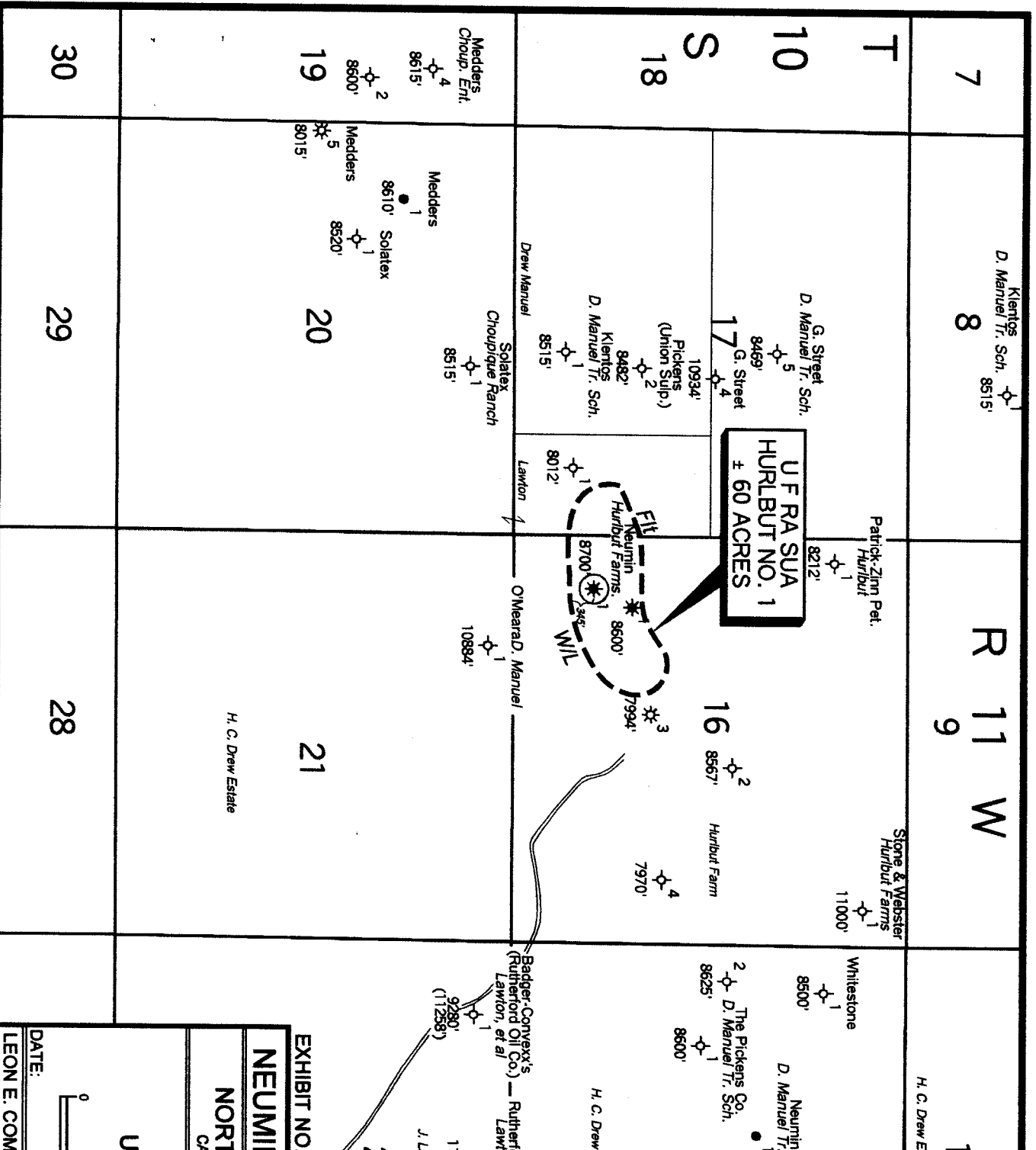
Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. David Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette La 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis



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Patrick-Zinn Pet.
Hurlbut 8212'

Stone & Webster
Hurlbut Farms 11000'

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The Pickens Co.
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G. Street
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D. Manuel Tr. Sch. 8515'

Drew Manuel

Lawton

O'Neard, Manuel

Medders
Choup. Ent. 8615'

Solatex
Choupique Ranch 8515'

10884'

Badger, Convex's
(Rutherford Oil Co.) — Rutherford
Lawton, et al

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